

**REMARKS**

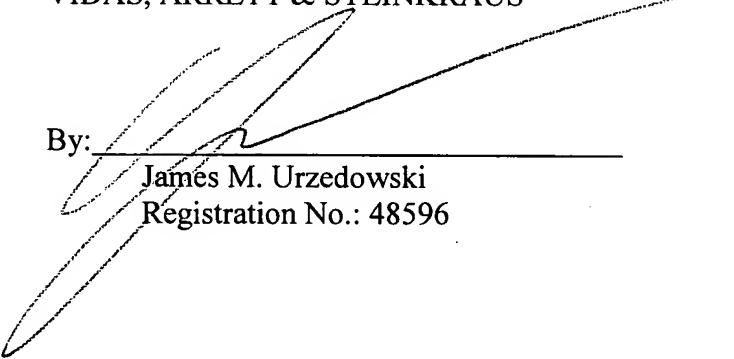
Claims 1-37 have been cancelled. New claims 38-49 have been added. Also, the Specification has been amended to reflect the chain of priority. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute any cancelled claims at a later date in the instant application or in an application claiming priority here from. Each of the pending claims is supported by the application as filed. No new matter has been added.

Also included herewith is a Petition to Make Special pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. 708.02 and a Declaration of an attorney of record. The application contains claims which if issued, are believed to be infringed by a product believed to be manufactured in the United States.

It is believed that the present application, with claims 38-49 is in condition for allowance. Early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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